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A True and Faithful Account of the seizing Thirty seven suspected Persons, and amongst them some known Papists, who were Caballing against the Government in a Tavern, with the manner of their Apprehension.

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THe last Week some Designing Persons, as mentioned in the *Gazette*, took the boldness to Seize both the *Scots* and *Irish* Mails, carrying away the King's Pacquets from each; which as it is a matter of that high Concern, so it Demonstrably bespeaks, that the *Romish* Party, who have a natural Propensity to practise Mischief against the Government; design to have some extraordinary Project put in Execution: But, as praised be God, none of their Contrivances have hitherto met with Success, so the merit of the Cause, as well as the indefatigable care of the Government is such, as to defeat the Designs of the Disaffected and *Grumbletonian* Incendiaries, a more notable Instance has not been extant.

The Mails aforesaid being seized, and thereby the King's Advice discover'd, extraordinary Diligence was used, to find out the Authors of this mischievous Proceeding; and considering that not the Gaols, but rather some Taverns ought to be inspected, a double Diligence and Scrutiny was made into several places, where, under the Notion of meeting and drinking purely with a Friend there, Complotting and Caballing was the Intent, and as the Sequel demonstrates, the Cause. So the Government having got Information, that a more than ordinary Number of Gentlement, &c. held a Rendezvous at one *Brooks's*, who keeps the *New Cock* and *Bottle* in the *Strand* near *Charing-cross*. Two Messengers were appointed on *Thursday* Evening to beat up their Quarters, who, considering the Number of the Enemy they were like to Encounter with, prudently repaired to the Captain of the Guard at *Whitehall*, and he forthwith sent a Lieutenant with one File of Granadiers, and four of Musquets, to assist them in the Action; Command being first given to load with Ball, and not to speak a word one to another in their passage; which was performed with that Precaution and Diligence, that they arrived at the aforesaid Tavern without the least Mistrust or Preknowledge, who boldly entering the House, without staying for the Drawer to shew them a Room, they found out one themselves, but the Door being shut, took the liberty to force an Entrance, where meeting with a great Number of *Papists*, they, like the true *Irish*, were so bashful at their sight, that some hid themselves in the Chimney, behind the Curtains, &c. and would have disposed of their Papers, but were forced to surrender themselves with their Weapons, and what they had about them that might be mischievous. The like diligence was used in other parts of the House, where was scarce a place but they found some, and others escaping on the Tops of the Houses; but being brought all into a Room, and commanded to sit down, there was found to be Thirty seven of them, besides a Woman, there being little Mischief done where one of their Sex is not concerned.

The Lieutenant, and Messengers took the Names of them *Seriatim*, and found divers *Papists*, several Officers and other Soldiers, some whereof had formerly rid in the *Lord Dover's* Troop of Guards, under the Late King *James*: And some of the *Grumbletonian* Gang, who finding the Late King's Interest in all the Three Kingdoms to be near Expiring, would like a Candle give the greater Blast at going out. And there was such Cause found against the Master of the House, tho he pleaded he never saw them before, as to keep him a Prisoner with them. For most part of the Night they continued in the Tavern, but afterwards 21 of them were sent to a Messengers in *St. Martin's-lane*, and 16 to anothers, where they are kept Prisoners, while their Papers can be perused, and they Examined.

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